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**( 3rd Semester )**

**SOCIOLOGY**

Paper No. : SOC-301

**( Foundations of Sociological Thought )**

**( New Course )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 45%*

*Time : 3 hours*

**( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )**

**( Marks : 45 )**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. What do you understand by the terms 'social static' and 'social dynamics'? Explain. 9

*Or*

Analyze Auguste Comte's law of the human progress. 9

2. Explain Herbert Spencer's theory of Organic Analogy. 9

Or

Herbert Spencer is given the credit for formulating explicitly the tenets of functionalism in sociology. Discuss. 9

3. What is historical materialism? How did Karl Marx formulate the materialistic interpretation of history? 2+7=9

Or

What is a social class? Explain the theory of class and class conflict as developed by Karl Marx. 2+7=9

4. What is social fact? Elaborate on the rules for the observation of social facts. 2+7=9

Or

What is suicide? Explain the different types of suicide propounded by Durkheim with examples. 2+7=9

5. Elucidate on the concept of social action in the light of Max Weber. 9

Or

Max Weber established a positive relationship between the Protestant ethic and the spirit of Capitalism. Discuss. 9

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**( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )**

**( Marks : 25 )**

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**SECTION—I**

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the  
brackets provided : 1×10=10

**1. Social statics refers to the study of the**

**(a) process of social change ( )**

**(b) evolution of the mind ( )**

**(c) condition and precondition of social  
order ( )**

**(d) process of progressive evolution ( )**

2. An important feature of scientific stage as propounded by Comte is that

- (a) the method of natural sciences can be used in the study of society ( )
- (b) all forms of human behaviour are ultimately a figment of the imagination ( )
- (c) a scientist should look for only positive elements in society such as cooperation ( )
- (d) the influence of philosophy ( )

3. Spencer's Organic Analogy is the comparison of

- (a) animal society to superorganic organism ( )
- (b) human society to a living organism ( )
- (c) modern society to ancient society ( )
- (d) tribal society with non-tribal society ( )

4. Herbert Spencer viewed all evolutions in terms of two types of society, the

- (a) Agrarian and Industrial ( )
- (b) Tribal and Industrial ( )
- (c) Folk and Industrial ( )
- (d) Military and Industrial ( )



5. Which of the following books is not associated with Karl Marx?

- (a) *Das Kapital* ( )
- (b) *The Communist Manifesto* ( )
- (c) *The Poverty of Philosophy* ( )
- (d) *The Philosophy of Poverty* ( )

6. Which one of the following views on class is associated with Karl Marx?

- (a) Class is based on possession of wealth ( )
- (b) Class is based on pattern of consumption ( )
- (c) Class is based on ownership of means of production ( )
- (d) Class is based on skills of production ( )

7. The *Rules of Sociological Method* is written by

- (a) Emile Durkheim ( )
- (b) Max Weber ( )
- (c) Karl Marx ( )
- (d) Herbert Spencer ( )

8. Suicide which results from the over-integration of the individual into his social group is called
- (a) egoistic suicide ( )
  - (b) anomic suicide ( )
  - (c) altruistic suicide ( )
  - (d) fatalistic suicide ( )
9. The concept of social action is the centre of all social ideas is of
- (a) Emile Durkheim ( )
  - (b) Talcott Parsons ( )
  - (c) Herbert Spencer ( )
  - (d) Max Weber ( )
10. Which statement is correct about the relationship between religion and economy in Weber's analysis?
- (a) The Protestant ethic did not provide convenient dogmas for the development of economic activity among its followers. ( )
  - (b) The Protestant ethic provided convenient dogmas for the development of economic activity among its followers. ( )
  - (c) There is no relationship between social organization and religious ideas. ( )
  - (d) None of the above ( )

SECTION—II

State whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark:

1×5=5

1. Auguste Comte was a great German thinker.

( T / F )

2. According to Spencer, evolution implies change in society from simplicity to complexity.

( T / F )

3. According to Karl Marx, every society can be stratified into three broad categories.

( T / F )

4. Emile Durkheim's work *Suicide* was written in 1879.

( T / F )

5. The concept of social fact is associated with Max Weber.

( T / F )

SECTION—III

Answer the following questions in brief (any *five*) :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

1. Differentiate between social static and social dynamic.



( 7 )

2. What is positivism?

3. Briefly explain two important similarities between society and living organism.

4. What are the different modes of production according to Karl Marx?

( 10 )

5. Differentiate between a 'class in itself' and a 'class for itself'.



6. Explain in brief any two characteristics of social facts.

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7. Explain in brief any two values in Protestantism which were in harmony with the spirit of Capitalism.

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